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FIFTEENTH JOINT USIB COMINT/ELINT COMMITTEE MEETING

DCI Conference Room, Administration Building, CIA,

19 December 1961

Mr. T. Achilles Polyzoides, Department of State, Chairman, COMINT Committee
25X1A9a [REDACTED] (USN), DIA, Interim Chairman, ELINT Committee

PRESENT:

NSA & DIA
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Mr. Richard Curl

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[REDACTED] NSA FOIAb3c

CIA

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ARMY

Mr. Herbert W. Taylor

AIR FORCE

Mr. David S. Clark
(For Col. Philip G. Evans)

OSD (OBSERVER)

Mr. Robert E. Rich

NAVY

Capt. D. M. Showers

JOINT STAFF

Col. Walter S. Hammond, USAF
(For Col. Eugene A. Trahan, USA)

EXECUTIVE SECRETARY

Lt. Col. Harry J. Thompson, USAF

ALSO PRESENT:

NSA

Mr. John J. Connally

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NAVY

Lt. Cdr. Lonnie M. Barrow
Miss Dora Davis

ARMY

Mr. Richard Battey

SECRETARIAT

Mr. William P. Macones

* Part of Meeting.

The Fifteenth Joint Meeting, held on 19 December 1961, came to order
at 0930 and adjourned at 1108.

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USIB-CC-29.20/124
USIB-EE-29.20/62

Agenda Item #1, Considered at the 15th
Joint COMINT and ELINT Committees
Meeting, held on 19 December 1961.

Subject: 25X1X7

SIGINT Negotiations with the [REDACTED]

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Reference: [REDACTED]

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PROBLEM:

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To determine appropriate recommendations for submission to USIB
concerning [REDACTED] SIGINT Negotiations.

DISCUSSION:

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The Chairman of the COMINT Committee advised that the Joint Meeting
had been called at the request of the Deputy Director, CIA to consider
whether the recent cases of espionage within [REDACTED] required any changes
in US [REDACTED] plans for SIGINT cooperation with [REDACTED] He called upon [REDACTED] 25X1X7
of CIA for a summary of the espionage cases.

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He specifically stated, however, that he did not believe that formal negotiations should be undertaken prior to March 1962 since by that time he would be in a position to give firmer assurances to the United States Government concerning the extent of compromise and damage possibly resulting from these cases. [REDACTED] stated that CIA believes that this is a realistic estimate of the situation and feels strongly that on the basis of the above information negotiations should be postponed at least until March 1962.

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The NSA Member tabled a DRAFT of a proposed [REDACTED] response to that Board's recent memorandum, the text of which was transmitted by the Reference. It was agreed that CIA representatives should check it for accuracy and turn it over to the Executive Secretary for electrical transmission to USIB Members.*

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DECISION: (19 December 1961)

The COMINT and ELINT Committees Jointly agreed that:

1. The Co-chairmen should make an oral report to USIB at its meeting scheduled for 20 December 1961, recommending that SIGINT negotiations planned to begin on/or about 15 January 1962 be postponed until on/or about 19 March 1962. Final determination on the March date to be dependent on assurances from [REDACTED] that [REDACTED] activities have not been damaged.

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2. The DRAFT Message to [REDACTED] be submitted to USIB for consideration in connection with the Co-chairmens' oral report.

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3. This subject should remain under active consideration by the two Committees until the matter is resolved.

ACTION FOR THE UNITED STATES INTELLIGENCE BOARD

Note for information.

Consider the Co-chairmens' report at the 20 December 1961 meeting.

* Dispatched by Secretariat with DTG of 192155Z December 1961 and later reproduced and distributed as USIB-C-29.20/25, 19 December 1961.

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USIB-EE-29.19/11

Item not on the Agenda, Considered at the 15th Joint COMINT and ELINT Committees Meeting, held on 19 December 1961.

SUBJECT:

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PROBLEM:

To determine appropriate future action relative to the subject.

DISCUSSION:

The NSA Member circulated a "working paper" outlining various types of assistance that might be offered [REDACTED]. He suggested that it be considered on an urgent basis so that recommendations might be submitted to USIB for consideration at the Board's first meeting in 1962. He noted that something along the lines proposed by NSA would

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The CIA Member suggested a different approach and stated that he could have his counter-proposal available for study in a short time.

In the discussion that followed it was agreed the [REDACTED] Ad Hoc Working Group should study both suggestions and submit recommendations for Joint Committee consideration at an early date.

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DECISION: (19 December 1961)

The COMINT and ELINT Committees jointly agreed that the [REDACTED] Ad Hoc Working Group should consider the CIA and NSA proposals and submit recommendations to the Committees for consideration at an early date.

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Note for information at this time. The Committees will submit recommendations for USIB consideration at an early meeting in 1962.

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SECRETARY'S NOTE:

The Secretariat does not plan to publish the NSA and CIA "working paper" as they will be reviewed by the Ad Hoc Working Group, and will result in a completely different paper that will have to be considered by the Committees.

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